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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed October 23, 2001, in the above-identified application. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time along with the appropriate petition fee. With the extension, these documents are due on or before April 23, 2002. No additional fees are believed due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 17811-014 CIP; M-14 CIP).

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 1-23 and 41-45, without prejudice or disclaimer, as drawn to a non-elected invention.

Please cancel claims 27 and 31, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Replace the pending claims with the following: